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Introduced by Representatives Morrissey of Bennington, Achey of
Middletown Springs, Austin of Colchester, Batchelor of Derby,
Brennan of Colchester, Burditt of West Rutland, Canfield of
Fair Haven, Corcoran of Bennington, Cupoli of Rutland City,
Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Donahue of Northfield, Fagan
of Rutland City, Goslant of Northfield, Graham of
Williamstown, Gregoire of Fairfield, Hango of Berkshire,
Harrison of Chittenden, Helm of Fair Haven, Higley of Lowell,
LaClair of Barre Town, Lefebvre of Orange, Marcotte of
Coventry, Martel of Waterford, Mattos of Milton, McCoy of
Poultney, McFaun of Barre Town, Morgan, L. of Milton,
Morgan, M. of Milton, Nigro of Bennington, Norris of Sheldon,
Ode of Burlington, Page of Newport City, Palasik of Milton,
Parsons of Newbury, Peterson of Clarendon, Rosenquist of
Georgia, Savage of Swanton, Shaw of Pittsford, Sibia of
Dover, Smith of Derby, Smith of New Haven, Stebbins of
Burlington, Strong of Albany, Terenzini of Rutland Town, Toof
of St. Albans Town, Troiano of Stannard, and Whitman of
Bennington

1 Referred to Committee on

2 Date:

3 Subject: Internal security and public safety; rights and preferences of veterans;

4 Vermont Silver Rose Veterans' Service Certificate

5 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to create the

6 Vermont Silver Rose Veterans' Service Certificate to honor veterans who were

7 exposed to Agent Orange while on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces.

8 An act relating to creating the Vermont Silver Rose Veterans' Service
9 Certificate

10 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

11 Sec. 1. 20 V.S.A. § 1549 is added to read:

12 § 1549. VERMONT SILVER ROSE VETERANS' SERVICE

13 CERTIFICATE

14 (a) The Office of Veterans' Affairs may present a Vermont Silver Rose
15 Veterans' Service Certificate to an individual or the individual's spouse, child,
16 parent, sibling, or grandchild if the individual is deceased and the individual
17 meets the following eligibility criteria:

18 (1) is a current resident of Vermont, was a resident of Vermont at the
19 time of entry into the U.S. Armed Forces, or was mobilized to federal active

1 duty while serving as a member of the Vermont National Guard, regardless of
2 the individual's state of residence;

3 (2) was exposed to dioxin or phenoxy herbicides, as shown by a medical
4 diagnosis of a disease associated with dioxin or phenoxy herbicides, and any
5 other information required by rules adopted pursuant to subsection (c) of this
6 section; and

7 (3) was separated from active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces under
8 honorable conditions.

9 (b)(1) Applications for a Vermont Silver Rose Veterans' Service
10 Certificate shall be made to the Office of Veterans' Affairs.

11 (2) The Office of Veterans' Affairs shall maintain and verify records
12 and documents relating to the issuance of certificates pursuant to this section.

13 (c) The Adjutant and Inspector General shall adopt rules as necessary to
14 implement this section.

15 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

16 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2021.